

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

DIRECTOR'S OFFICE PROGRAMS
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Grants Management Unit

Administers grant funds to local, regional, and statewide programs serving Nevadans. The Unit ensures accountability and provides technical assistance for the following funding sources and programs:

- Children's Trust Fund
- Community Services Block Grant
- Family Resource Centers
- Differential Response
- Fund for a Healthy Nevada
- Title XX - Social Services Block Grant
- Revolving Account to Support Programs for Prevention and Treatment of Problem Gambling
- Contingency Account for Victims of Human Trafficking

211 Partnership

A multi-tiered response and information plan which provides information 24 hours a day, seven days a week

- Basic human services
- Physical and mental health resources
- Employment support services
- Programs for children, youth and families
- Support for seniors and persons with disabilities
- Volunteer opportunities
- Donations and support for community crisis and disaster recovery

Differential Response

Joint project between Family Resource Centers and the three child welfare agencies; with administrative oversight by the Grants Management Unit

- Receives reports of child maltreatment that meet the threshold for a home visit to determine child well-being when there is no imminent threat to the child's safety
- DR provides assessment and case management to assist families in accessing services to provide a safe environment for their children
- Typical reports involve educational neglect, environment neglect, medical neglect and improper supervision

Office of Food Security

The Food Security Strategist works across Departments, Divisions and with the Governor's Council on Food Security to improve the quality of life and health of Nevadans by increasing food security throughout the state.

This office oversees implementation of a strategic plan finalized February 7, 2013 called Food Security in Nevada: Nevada's Plan for Action

Office of Consumer Health Assistance

Mission – To provide the opportunity for all Nevadans to access information regarding patient rights and responsibilities, and to advocate for and educate consumers and injured workers concerning their rights and responsibilities under various health care plans and policies.

Provide advocacy and education to consumers who have insurance through employers, managed care, individual policies, ERISA, Worker's compensation, Medicare and Medicaid as well as uninsured and underinsured.

Locations: Las Vegas and Elko

Office of Minority Health

Mission - To improve the quality of health care services for members of minority groups, to increase access to health care services, to seek ways to provide education, address, treat and prevent diseases and conditions that are prevalent among minority populations.

OMH provides information regarding minority health care issues and helps ensure that both public and private entities have access to culturally competent and linguistically appropriate health information.

Nevada Governor's Council on Developmental Disabilities (NGCDD)

DHHS acts as the state designated agency and for the HGCDD and provides administrative and fiscal services and supports the council in carrying out its mission and activities.

Mission of the NGCDD – Engages in advocacy, system's change and capacity building activities for people with developmental disabilities and their families in order to promote equal opportunity, self-determination, and community inclusion.

IDEA Part C Office

Ensures compliance with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act of 2004.

- Oversight of eligibility, availability and implementation of services
- Supervision and monitoring all Early Intervention programs
- Oversight and collaboration for Public Awareness and Child Find
- Develop policies and procedures related to EI services
- Workforce development and capacity
- Investigation of formal complaints
- Ensure protection and procedural safeguards are in place for families
- Federal Grant application, budget and reporting
- Data accountability, reporting and interagency coordination

Tribal Liaison Office

Provides facilitation, collaboration and meaningful communication process between DHHS and the Indian Tribes in the state of Nevada.

Office of Health Information Technology

- The office established the Nevada Health Information Exchange (NV-HIE) in 2012 as a non-profit corporation using a 4-yr. ARRA HITECH State HIE Cooperative agreement awarded to DHHS.
- The corporation was dissolved in February 2014 after the board voted to cease operations due to an unclear path for financial sustainability.
- DHHS has a bill draft request to change the role of DHHS from administration and establishment of an HIE to the certification and oversight of statewide HIE's.

BILL DRAFT REQUESTS

Policy BDR's

DOA BDR #	Division	NRS	Description
400-1102	DO	439.581 to 439.595	<u>Statewide Health Information Exchange System</u> : Revisions necessary to address advances in technology and lessons learned during implementation of the "State Health Information Technology Strategic & Operational Plan". Change DHHS to oversight authority rather than administrative authority.